



President's Corner

By Lioness Beth Sundberg, LOW Lioness President

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Happy New Year everyone! Wasn't it only yesterday that we celebrated our millennium? Back in grade school I figured out how old I'd be when the year turned 2000! It was shocking to realize I'd be such an old lady. Now that was 14 years ago and that is a shock!

Now with a new year upon us, we can start over in a sense. Starting over, starting right. What would that mean for us? We really don't have "all the time in the world" anymore. The time we have now is a gift and how we use it is more important than ever. When I take stock of my life, I want to shed what really isn't that big of a deal. A bucket list or is it what I do right here, right now that matters most?

January traditionally has been a hard month for me. A lot of normal activities stop, friends are away in warmer climates, Christmas lights are off and it looks cold, dark, and barren outside. In the last few years I've asked myself, "what can I do this month that I could not do if I were away"? How can I use this month wisely rather than just endure it? Should I pursue relationships that I would otherwise not have time for? I don't know about you, but I am often

surprised at what lies just beneath the surface when I take the time to get to know someone. I can get so wrapped up in what I'm going through that I don't take the time to consider others who may be going through difficult times too.

Each year in Lioness, we have new members that join us. They bring a freshness of ideas and new ways of thinking to our club. It's good for us as we find it easier to do the things we've always done. (Just look at what I cook week after week).

I will miss being together this month and am already looking forward to seeing you in February. In the meantime, have a wonderful and productive January wherever you are! (Just don't come back with a tan)!

*Just a reminder. Please let our tamers know ahead if you will not be at our dinner meetings. Cancellation dates are in the handbook. If you miss a meeting and have not let them know on time, please pay up. Otherwise, we still have to pay the clubhouse for your dinner and that ultimately comes out of our benevolence fund!

No Regular Lioness Meeting in January

Lions/Lioness Barbeque Dinner

Thursday, January 16

(deadline to order January 10)

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Lake of the Woods Lioness Club
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Meetings are held at the LOW Club House on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Social hour at 5:45 p.m.

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The Insider's View

Minutes from the
December 5, 2013
BOD Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Sundberg, Karen Cakouros, Pat Berry, Kathi Martin, Linda Ogletree, Carol Lee, Ann Walker, Jean Priest, Roselynn Edwards, Maureen Otero, Connie LeMay, Karin Goetz and Donalda Lovelace.

CALL TO ORDER: President Sundberg called the meeting to order.
SECRETARY'S REPORT- Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Pat Berry standing in for Elaine Freeland and Lucy Churchill presented the financial report. The report was accepted by a motion presented by Linda Ogletree and seconded by Connie LeMay.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT- President Sundberg informed the Board that our Zone Chairperson Cricket Crickenberger and his wife Nancy will make an official visit at our December program meeting.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. 1st Vice President- Karen Cakouros- This year at the end of the Kriskindlemarkt any leftover items will be given to the Lions and any leftover food will be given to the Pantry.

B. 2nd Vice President- Ann Walker---

- Germanna Scholarships- Jean Ann Daniels and Mary Lou McFarland will be meeting with Germanna Community College officials to begin the scholarship process.
- Head Start Collection-Collection will take place at the dinner meeting of colored construction paper, blunt scissors and glue sticks for the children of HeadStart
- ChildHelp Gift Wrapping- The response from the club was great 26 Lionesses signed up to participate on Wednesday, December 18. Another sign of sheet will be provided at the meeting to verify attendance and give others an opportunity to participate.
- Food Pantry- Betty Beck co-chairperson extends her thanks for our club's outstanding support of the Pantry.

C. TAMERS- Jean Priest/ Roselynn Edwards presented a draft letter to be used as a second reminder for Lionesses who are delinquent in paying dinner fee when they did not notify Tamers of absence. It was agreed that a second letter notification was appropriate. A Lioness was removed from membership due to non-attendance and failure to pay dinner fee.

D. MEMBERSHIP- Linda Ogletree/Kathi Martin -Orientation was held for two new prospective Lionesses who will be inducted in December. There was a discussion of how to ensure that new members become involved in activities of their choice.

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E. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT-Carol Lee reminded us that the Lions barbeque will be held in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- Change of time of the board meeting was disapproved at this time.

NEW BUSINESS- President Sundberg presented the idea of conducting service awards earlier in the year for individuals with sustained contributions to the club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lake of the Woods Lions President Donald Namuth is in a hospital in Baltimore as a result of a car accident. Lions Liaison Phyllis Taylor is undergoing radiation.

Roselynn Edwards was thanked for the delicious cookies she brought for the meeting as well as the delicious crepes at the dinner meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Lioness Committees & Activities

Lions/Lioness Barbeque Dinner

By Lioness Carol Lee

The Lions/Lioness Barbeque Dinner that was postponed earlier this year has been rescheduled for **Thursday, January 16**, beginning at **6 p.m.** at the **Woods Center**.

The cost is \$15 and includes BBQ pork sandwich, cole slaw, baked beans and pasta salad. You have a choice of eating there or carry out. If you eat there, you may bring wine or beer if you would like to have one of those beverages with your meal.

Please call me at 972-8920 or e-mail me at carol.lee4@comcast.net by Friday, January 10, with your order.

Membership

By Lionesses Linda Ogletree and Kathi Martin

We welcome our December inductees—please remember to greet them at our next meeting—you may already know them. We ask that you make the following additions to your 2013-14 Membership Directories. Also, please note that there is a “Proposal for Membership” form included in the LOW DOWN—let’s celebrate our Spring by having more of these enthusiastic, delightful new members! **The Membership form can also be found at the Lioness Web Site (www.lowlioness.org) for future use.**

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Web Site

By Lioness Su Bielmeier

Check out Lioness 2013 Year in Pictures — On www.lowlioness.org

LIONESS PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following individual is proposed for membership in the Lake of the Woods Lioness Club, sponsored by the Lake of the Woods Lion's Club, a part of the International Association of Lion's Club.

Personal information:

Name: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Home Address: _____ Home Telephone: _____

Business Address: _____ Work Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of Spouse: _____ Is he a Lion: _____

Employment History: _____

Volunteer History: _____

Approval:

Sponsoring Lioness: _____ Date: _____

Membership Chair: _____ Date: _____

Board of Directors: _____ Date: _____

Qualifications for Membership: To become a member of the Lake of the Woods Lioness Club, you need to have fulfilled two additional qualifications.

1. Have you attended at least two dinner meetings? (include the months)

2. Have you attended at least two Lioness's volunteer projects? (include the projects' name)

“What the hell am I supposed to do?” So said Lafayette upon learning that his teacher would not be returning the following school year. He was one of Jean's most unforgettable students. Having just graduated from college, she was hired to take over a class mid-year that 4 other teachers had given up on, 2 of which were men. So began her first teaching position at Newport News middle school, standing at 5'1" in a class of 37 tough kids including 2 gang leaders. Realizing she had a challenge on her hands, she decided to try to win them over by giving the gang leaders responsibility. One “leader” had the responsibility for overseeing the class one day, the next day the other. Eventually things “quieted” down though one of the kids (afore mentioned) threw a punch at her (she ducked) while another set another kid's hair on fire. She adopted what she called “Mean Jean Points.” If the kids turned in their assigned home work, they earned 1 point. If they answered a question in class correctly they earned another. Depending upon how many “Mean Jean Points” earned, kids could buy soda or candy or be excused from homework. 3 points could even be added to a test score. One of her more frequently used statements, “The mark of an educated person is to use words without profanity” went largely ignored.

Jean started out the oldest of 6 children and was raised in the suburbs of Newport News. Summers were spent on the farm of an aunt and uncle where she worked in the garden, collected eggs, and rode horses. These were the happy times of her childhood. She adored her grandfather and her paternal grandmother. After graduating from high school, she spent a year working as a C & P long distance telephone operator and saved money for college. She was able to pay for her education with a State Teacher's Scholarship and Work Study Scholarship. A wise investment I would say. While still in school, she sadly lost her fiancé in a car accident on the very night they were engaged.

In her 30 years as a teacher at Menchville High, she earned a reputation for working with difficult students and often had a school security guard assigned outside her classroom. Her own challenging experiences enabled Jean to identify with the pain many of her students were going through. This endeared her to them. She successfully taught at 2 ends of the spectrum, AP or advanced placement history and low reading classes. On one occasion, some of her students knew who was responsible for the death of an undercover police officer and confessed the information to her on the condition she did not reveal their names. The culprit was captured based on that information.

Jean lived in Gloucester, VA on a 5 acre farm where she raised a daughter, Jennifer, and a son, Zach, from a previous marriage. Drawing from her past experiences on the farm, she grew lots of vegetables and fruits for canning and freezing. In addition, she bred and sold cocker spaniel pups, worked with the local Cub Scouts, and was active in political campaigns. Other activities included making various crafts, backpacking with a local club, and spelunking where she learned to rappel into vertical caves.

In '94, she met her husband, Jay at an AOL online chat room. His job was moving him to the area and he was seeking information. After many months of chatting, they agreed to meet and eventually were married. In '99 his job moved them to the Fredericksburg area where they settled in LOW. With moves to Florida and South Carolina in between, they returned to LOW in 2007. Having taken classes in beading and jewelry, she had her own business down south and still sells jewelry in Touch of Earth in Williamsburg.

She became a Lioness in 2007 and you'll find her working with our eye glass recycling or the food pantry. She also serves our club as one of our tamers. She enjoys reading, her 5 step grandchildren who live in Iowa, and playing World of Warcraft online with her son. Since working on her genealogy for 27 years, she keeps in touch with a distant cousin in Germany exchanging family information and pictures. They discovered they're related to Charles Dickens and Oliver Cromwell. I believe they too would be proud of their remarkable relative, Jean Priest.

**Happy Birthday
Lionesses!**

January 4 Lois Ward
January 5 Loretta LaTerra
January 22 Su Bielmeier
January 29 Gayla Gamble
January 31 Phyllis Sakole

**LOW Lioness
2013-2014 Calendar**

Jan 16 Lions/Lioness BBQ dinner
Jan 23 BOD Meeting
Feb 7-8 Lions Mid-Winter Conference—
Staunton
Feb 13 Lioness Dinner Meeting
Feb 22 Lioness Book Sale

From the Editor

By Lioness Gail Hardin
Editor, Lioness LOW DOWN

The deadline for submission of newsletter articles for the February LOW DOWN is January 20. Please forward them either by email, or mail to Gail Hardin, (contact information below). For more information, call Gail.

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New Members:
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